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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Shinji UCHIDA

Application No.: 10/693,104

Filed: October 27, 2003

For: POSITIONING APPARATUS AND
CHARGED-PARTICLE-BEAM EXPOSURE
APPARATUS

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Sir:

In response to the final Official Action dated March 14, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.116: